

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS WITHOUT MARKINGS

IN THE DRAWING:

Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended and labeled as "Replacement Sheet".

REMARKS

The last Office Action of June 3, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 10 have been added. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

It is noted that the drawings are objected to because of applicant's failure to textually label the empty boxes. Applicant submits herewith replacement sheets for Figs. 1 and 2, with the empty boxes being texturally labeled, as requested. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The claim objections have been addressed by incorporating the subject matter of claim 3 into claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 7 into claim 5, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glennon et al. (US Patent 4,608,527).

No prior art has been applied against claims 2, 3, 6, and 7, and these claims are presumed to be allowable after addressing the claim objections.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2 and 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. In addition, applicant has amended claim 5 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 6 and 7. Claims 6 and 7 have now been canceled.

New claims 9 and 10, dependent on claims 1 and 5, respectively, have been added to set forth subject matter described in Para. [0025] of the instant specification.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now on file should be considered patentably differentiated over the art and should be allowed.

Applicant has also carefully scrutinized the further cited prior art and finds it without any relevance to the newly submitted claims. It is thus felt that no specific discussion thereof is necessary.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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